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Summary**

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LAOS: The Lao Communists apparently intend to use some of their allied prisoners to bargain for changes in US and Thai policy.

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**Allied Prisoners
May Become Pawn
In Laos Bargaining**

The Lao Communists apparently intend to use some of their allied prisoners as bargaining chips to force changes in US and Thai policy toward Laos.

The Communists will continue to hold an unspecified number of US and Thai prisoners beyond the prisoner exchange deadline of June 4. This is particularly those captured after the cease-fire agreement of February 1973.

US civilian contract pilot Emmet Key is the only American prisoner in the post-agreement category and the only one the Lao Communists admit to (See Laos... Page 4)

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holding. The [] does not indicate that other Americans are now being detained. Four Americans are believed to have been captured in Laos before the agreement; 314 are listed as missing in action.

[] the Communists will link the release of these prisoners to the cessation of US aerial reconnaissance flights over Lao territory, to the disbanding of [] intelligence organizations in Vientiane and Luang Prabang, and to the dissolution of [] bases.

[] Heavy stress is placed on the cessation of overflights along the eastern trail network []

[] capture of Americans after the cease-fire agreement is proof of continued US "aggression" against Laos and that this argument might be used to counter allied demands for the withdrawal of all North Vietnamese troops.

[] Pathet Lao apprehension that the US and Thailand do not intend to comply fully with the Lao accords of 1973. []

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